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Subject: Microft Setteltment

Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I understand that the Department of Justice is presently accepting public comment on its agreement with Microsoft to settle the antitrust litigation. I wholeheartedly support the agreement. Microsoft was just being punished by the last administration for its success, and that's not fair.

Microsoft's competitors complained that they were frozen out of competition by Microsoft's licensing and pricing practices as well as by their inability to offer competing software within the Windows system. Microsoft has agreed to uniform pricing guidelines as well as less restrictive licensing agreements with distributors. Microsoft has also agreed to open its operating systems to competing software applications. I believe that Microsoft's actions more than adequately answer the complaints, and Microsoft should be allowed to get back to business.

Please implement the settlement as soon as the law allows. Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Sincerely,
Edward Goodrich